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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: QUITO SUBWAY

REF: QUITO 4046 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TO QUITO JULY 11-14, LOCAL PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT CONSORTIUM OF MEXICAN CIVIL ENGINEERS, ICA, HAS DELIVERED TO GOE NINE BLUE-PRINTS AND A REPORT REGARDING PREFEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR QUITO SUBWAY PROJECT.

2. CONSORTIUM PRESIDENT BERNARDO QUINTANA, IN PRESENCE OF BOTH PRESIDENTS, GAVE 45 MINUTE CONFERENCE ON SUBWAY PROJECT. ECHEVERRIA OFFERED TO PLACE MEXICO CITY SUBWAY STUDIES AT DISPOSITION OF ANY SPECIAL MISSION NAMED BY GOE. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ECUADOR MIGHT WISH TO PRODUCE OWN RAIL CARS, POINTING OUT THAT MEXICO, WHICH NOW HAS 40 PERCENT LOCAL CONTENT IN OWN PRODUCTION OF CARS, WILL REACH TOTAL LOCAL CONTENT IN FIVE YEARS. ECHEVERRIA OFFERED TO SEND ADVISORS TO HELP SET UP INDUSTRY AND ALSO PROVIDE MEANS OF ESTABLISHING MIXED MEXICAN-ECUADOREAN ENTERPRISE.

3. PROJECT AS SUBMITTED BY CONSORTIUM FORESEES CONSTRUCTION OF
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SIXTVEEN-KILOWATERS SYSTEM AT COST OF US\$20 MILLION PER KILOMETER,

WHICH INCLUDES CIVIL ENGINEERING WORK, ELECTRIFICATION AND ACQUISITION OF CARS. CONSTRUCTION TIME IS ESTIMATED AT THREE YEARS UTILIZING FIVE THOUSAND WORKERS. SUBWAY WOULD HAVE NINETEEN STATIONS AND CAPACITY OF TRANSPORTING 348, 447 PASSENGERS DAILY. PRESS REPORTS SEVERAL OTHER MINOR TECHNICAL DETAILS OF MEXICAN PROPOSAL.

4. ACCORDING PRESS, PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ AND OTHER TOP GOE AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ECHEVERRIA'S SUGGESTIONS BUT EVIDENTLY REMAINED NON-COMMITAL. MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS REMARKED THAT JAPANESE PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY RESULTS WOULD BE KNOWN JULY 18, AND BOTH STUDIES WOULD BE EVALUATED AT THAT TIME. MINISTER FURTHER STATED THAT INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR BIDS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDIES WOULD BE ANNOUNCED AT END OF 1974. PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ ASKED MINISTER OF COMMERCE RUBIO TO MAKE KNOWN TO ANDEAN COMMON MARKET'S BOARD IN LIMA ECUADOR'S CONCERN TO HAVE RAIL CARS INCLUDED UNDER AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTION ASSIGNMENT.
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